

PATENT APPLICATION
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Applicants	:	Jochen BARTH et al.)	Group Art Unit 2624
Appln. No.	:	10/736,834)	Examiner Anthony Mackowey
Docket No.	:	P24648)	Confirmation No. 5437
Customer No.	:	07055)	
Filed	:	December 17, 2003)	
Title	:	METHOD OF ENLARGING THE IMAGE FIELD OF A FOCAL PLANE ARRAY CAMERA)	

REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE (PTOL-85)

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Sir:

Applicants request issuance of a Notice of Allowance (i.e., form PTOL-85), pursuant to the comment appearing at the top of the Notice of Allowability (i.e., form PTOL-37) which had been mailed on June 16, 2008 that such notice "will be mailed in due course."

A Notice of Allowance (form PTOL-85) has not been received.

The Notice of Allowability (form PTOL-37) has set forth no requirement on Applicants. That is, no requirement has been made to pay any fee and no requirement has been made to comply with any requirement.

During a telephone conversation with Applicants' undersigned representative on September 11, 2008, Examiner Mackowey confirmed that a Notice of Allowance has not yet been mailed. Mr. Mackowey also confirmed that the two entries on the "Image" file on the PAIR database of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that are each identified as "Notice of Allowance and Fees Due (PTOL-85)" with a "Mail Room Date" of "06-16-2008" and Document Code "NOA" are erroneous and that

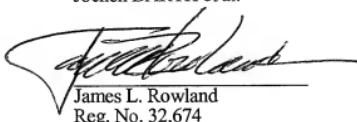
the erroneously coded entries have likely delayed the mailing of the Notice of Allowance. Mr. Mackowey further confirmed that no due date has been set in the papers mailed on June 16, 2006 (i.e., including the Notice of Allowability (form PTOL-37)).

For informational purposes, a two-page printout of the aforementioned PAIR "Image" file, printed today, September 16, 2008, is attached, showing the erroneous listings among ten listings with a Mail Room Date of 06-16-2008. Also attached are (1) a copy of each of the two pages linked to the first erroneous listing, the two pages consisting of a cover page (i.e., PTOL-90A) and a Notice of Allowability (form PTOL-37), and (2) a copy of each of the three pages linked to the second erroneous listing, the three pages consisting of pages 2, 3, and 4 of an Examiner's Amendment, attached to the Notice of Allowability. Finally, Applicants have attached a one-page printout of the PAIR "Transaction History," printed today, September 16, 2008, listing no mailing of a Notice of Allowance.

If Applicants' understanding of the status of the instant application, as set forth above, is incorrect and if a Notice of Allowance (form PTOL-85) has been mailed with a due date set for today, September 16, 2008, Applicants authorize payment of any fee required to maintain pendency of the instant application, including any issue fee and/or publication fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089. Otherwise, Applicants do not authorize such payment.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number, fax number, or e-mail address given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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12-14-2007	FWCLM	Index of Claims	PROSECUTION	1
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Notice of the Office communication was sent electronically on above-indicated "Notification Date" to the following e-mail address(es):

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner ANTHONY MACKOWEY	Art Unit 2624

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed 3/14/08.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 24-33; renumbered 1-10.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

- Notice of Informal Patent Application
- Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20080608.
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Rowland (Reg. No. 32,674) on June 2, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

For claim 26, line 2, insert --and the enlarged image field is formed-- between "vertexes" and "by".

Claims 26 should recite

The method according to claim 24, wherein: said astroid-shaped cycloid scan pattern is formed with four vertexes and the enlarged image field is formed by generating and combining four partial images.

For claim 27, line 2, insert --and the enlarged image field is formed-- between "vertexes" and "by".

Claims 27 should recite

The method according to claim 24, wherein: said astroid-shaped cycloid scan pattern is formed with four vertexes and the enlarged image field is formed by

generating and combining four partial images, said combined four partial images having overlapping regions.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 24 recites, "each of said partial images is generated, during said reversal of movement at said vertexes of said astroid-shaped scan pattern, for a predetermined recording time to limit unsharpness to less than a size of a pixel."

The above features, as explicitly recited, in combination with the other elements of the claim are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record. While the examiner believes a combination of US 6,639,625 to Ishida et al. and "Risley Prism Scan Patterns" by Marshall as presented in the Non-Final Office action at best teaches obtaining four partial images at the vertexes of an astroid-shaped scan pattern obtained by rotating two refractive prisms, the combination neither discloses nor suggests a predeterminate recording time to limit unsharpness.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANTHONY MACKOWEY whose telephone number is (571)272-7425. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (571) 272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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03-14-2008	New or Additional Drawing Filed
04-11-2008	Date Forwarded to Examiner
03-14-2008	Response after Non-Final Action
12-18-2007	Electronic Review
12-15-2007	Email Notification
12-14-2007	Mail Non-Final Rejection
12-10-2007	Non-Final Rejection
03-31-2004	Information Disclosure Statement considered
06-23-2007	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete
05-17-2007	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
05-15-2007	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
04-02-2007	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
12-18-2006	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
03-31-2004	Reference capture on IDS
03-31-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
03-31-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
12-17-2003	Request for Foreign Priority (Priority Papers May Be Included)
08-17-2004	Reference capture on IDS
08-17-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
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04-08-2004	Application Return from OIPE
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04-08-2004	Application Dispatched from OIPE
04-08-2004	Application Is Now Complete
03-31-2004	Additional Application Filing Fees
03-31-2004	A statement by one or more inventors satisfying the requirement under 35 USC 115, Oath of the Applic
03-24-2004	Notice Mailed--Application Incomplete--Filing Date Assigned
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01-14-2004	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review
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